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OFFICERS

W. O. Stockton, Moderator.....Belmont, Miss.
M. Arthur Shook, Clerk.....Belmont, Miss.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Belmont.....A. Yarber
Bethlehem.....W. P. Gray
Burnesville.....J. E. Finger
Cotton Springs.....J. J. Perry
Cross Roads.....W. A. Barnett
East Port.....A. H. Bacon
Forked Oak.....Chas. H. Tenneson
Golden.....C. W. Long
Highland.....J. R. Bickerstaff
Iuka.....J. J. Whitten
Jackson's Camp.....D. A. Trim
Mt. Moriah.....J. C. Linton
Mt. Vernon.....D. H. Selby
New Liberty.....J. W. Marlow
New Prospect.....J. D. Fairless
New Salem.....D. C. Locke
Paden.....W. S. Stephens
Red Bud.....B. D. Waddle
Tishomingo.....J. B. McRae
Union.....L. A. Cain

NEXT MEETING

Burnesville, Tuesday and Wednesday after first Sunday in October, 1925.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call for correspondents.
2. Appointment of committees.
3. Call for reports.
4. Selection of time and place of next meeting.
5. Resolutions and miscellaneous business.

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MINUTES OF THE TISHOMINGO BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7—10 A. M.

Song—"All Hail the Power."

Devotional—W. O. Stockton, reading the 8th Chapter of Romans.

Association called to order by Bro. W. O. Stockton, Moderator.

The Moderator appointed M. Arthur Shook, Clerk, pro. tem.

The Association unanimously voted Bro. C. C. Weaver of Oklahoma, to preach at the 11 o'clock service.

Dr. B. G. Lowery was seated as a speaker from the State Board.

The Moderator appointed the following as reading clerks: T. H. Dean and C. C. Hellums.

Moderator called for reports of Churches, the following responding: New Bethel, Burnesville, Highland, Paden, Tishomingo, Mt. Vernon, Forked Oak, Union, Belmont, Golden, Bethlehem, Red Bud, New Liberty, Iuka, Eastport, New Prospect.

11:00 a.m.: Song—"There is a Fountain Filled with Blood."

Sermon—Rev. C. C. Weaver, using as his text the 16th verse of the 3rd chapter of John. Bro. Weaver delivered a wonderful discourse, full of the Spirit of the Master, magnifying the greater love of Jesus.

Prayer—Rev. W. M. Fore.

Dismissed by Rev .A. M. Nix.

1:20 p.m.: Song—Bro. Sander's Quartette.

Bro. W. O. Stockton was elected Moderator and M. Arthur Shook, Clerk.

The Moderator appointed the following committees: Committee on Committees—Miss Pearl Reed, A. G. W. Byram and J. B. McRae; Devotional Committee—J. R. Bickerstaff, Mrs. J. C. Finger, Mrs. Sallie Green.

The Moderator called for report of Committee on Missions. Rev. A. M. Nix then read the report, which was fully discussed by Dr. B. G. Lowery, A. M. Nix, J. R. Bickerstaff, C. C. Weaver and M. Arthur Shook.

The Devotional Committee reported and the same adopted.

4 p.m.: Dismissed by Rev. W. M. Fore.

7:00 p.m.: Sermon—Dr. B. G. Lowery. Theme: "King of the Kingdom."

WEDNESDAY

Song—"We'll Work 'til Jesus Comes."

Devotional—Rev. W. M. Fore, 1st Cor., 13th chapter.

The Moderator called for a report of the W. M. U. Mrs. Willa Carmack, Sunperintendent, responded with a complete report of the work in the county, which she discussed at length. Report adopted.

Moderator appointed the following committees: Obituary—W. R. Samples, Misses Lora Glenn, Pearl Reed; Nominations—D. S. King, W. C. Hamilton, M. B. Waddle; Time and Place—G. A. Hall, W. P. Gray, C. D. McRae.

Committee on Obituaries reported, the same being accepted.

Committee on Nominations reported, the same being accepted.

Committee on Time and Place reported and the same adopted.

Committee on Finance reported and the same received.

LIST OF DELEGATES

Highland—W. W. Leatherwood, C. D. McRae, J. M. F. Neal, J. T. McRae, J. A. Blunt, J. R. Bickerstaff.

New Prospect—O. C. Miller, Sisters Myrtle Russell and Maude Hodge.

Eastport—J. M. Carter, A. H. Bacon, W. H. Johnson, L. E. Robinson.

Golden—J. O. Guntharp, A. P. Hale, Mrs. Zella Patterson.

Iuka—Mrs. W. Carmack, Miss Pearl Reed, W. M. Fore.

New Liberty—G. A. Hall, Miss Alice Hall, J. W. Marlow.

Red Bud—M. B. Waddle, B. D. Waddle, D. Clay.

Bethlehem—W. P. Gray, R. B. Page, Misses Connie Ligon and Ollie Selby.

Belmont—T. J. Moore, T. H. Dean, A. G. W. Byram, M. Arthur Shook and Mrs. M. Arthur Shook.

Union—N. C. Deaton, W. C. Hamilton, L. A. Cain.

Forked Oak—J. A. Denson, Flora Denson, C. A. Tennison.

Mt. Vernon—Misses Mary Lou Mitchel, Elsie Underwood, Lora Glenn.

Tishomingo—Mrs. B. M. Holder, I. P. Jones, Mrs. W. R. Nettles, J. B. McRae.

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Paden—C. C. Hellums, Mrs. C. S. Timbs, Mrs. Dina Woodruff.

Burnesville—D. S. King, Mrs. J. C. Finger, Mrs. Annie Elledge, Miss Maude King.

New Bethel—G. W. Guntharp, W. R. Samples, R. L. Scott, W. A. Payne.

COMMITTEES TO REPORT NEXT YEAR

Committee on Missions—W. M. Fore, Mrs. W. Carmack, J. J. Whitten.

Committee on Education—A. M. Nix, J. R. Bickerstaff, Mrs. W. R. Nettles.

Committee on Social Service—M. Arthur Shook, G. G. Bickerstaff, J. C. Finger.

Associational sermon—Rev. A. M. Nix.

OUR DEAD

God in His wisdom has permitted these, our loved ones, to pass to their eternal home. We cannot understand all of His ways of dealing with His children, but we know that His love is greater than any earthly father has for his children, so we must trust and remember that He has promised to be with us and to give us strength to bear our griefs.

May heaven be brighter for us as our loved ones cross to the other shore.

Highland—C. B. Counce, Mary Neal and Margaret McRae.

New Liberty—C. L. Benick. Mrs. Polly Marlow.

Iuka—Mrs. W. M. Fore. Mrs. Belle Hubbard.
Eastport—Alleaner Louis.
New Prospect—J. L. Hodge.
Mt. Vernon—Sam Underwood.
Union—Mrs. Jennie Clinghan.
Belmont—Mrs. Laura Yarber. R. W. Osborn.
Tishomingo—John W. Gray.
Burnesville—G. H. Davis.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS:

(1) Missions Within the Association—

There has been two regular fifth Sunday meetings since the last meeting of the Association, with very fine programs. There has been some fine work done by some of the pastors by holding meetings in several destitute places in the country this summer. We urge that the Association look after more of the destitutions.

(2) State Missions—

The State Board in its December meeting laid out its work on the basis of $130,000.00 for State Missions. State Missions received only 19 per cent of the total amount raised. It will be necessary to raise about $700,000.00 for all purposes in order for State Missions to have its amount.

The Board is assisting in paying salaries of seventy-two pastors in different parts of the state. This amount assists one hundred and twenty-five Churches. We have in the field four regular enlistment men, five regular Sunday School workers and two regular B. Y. P. U. workers.

Other items of expense are: Expense of Board meeting, printing of convention minutes, School of Evangelism, Mid-winter Bible Institutes, work among Negroes and Indians, the Ministerial Student Fund, religious work in the state colleges, seminaries and training schools' student fund. The largest item of work for the year is that of appropriations to Church buildings which amounts to $40,000, none of which has been paid, but is due November 1.

(3) Seventy-five Million Campaign—

This is the closing year of the campaign and we recommend that each Church pay up in full by December 31, for we are not going to reckon with the pledges after that date. We urge that each Church make their pledges for the year 1925, not later than December 1.

(B) B. Y. P. U. Department by Auber J. Wilds.

There are 925 unions in the State. We recommend that the pastors put forth a greater effort in organizing the young people and training them in the B. Y. P. U. Miss Sallie Pane Morgan is doing a great work in this department.

(C) Woman's Missionary Union.

The W. M. U. has done a great work in the 75 Million Campaign. During the five years preceeding the campaign they raised $191,335.16. The sum given to the Campaign

for the five years is $515,650.00. An increase of $324,314.84. There are 770 W. M. U.s and 651 Young People' Auxiliaries. Ten Thousand seals and nearly three thousand certificates have been awarded.

(D) Sunday School.

We have 1,301 Sunday schools in the state. The workers have been increased in the past year. There are two workers employed to work among the country churches.

(E) Baptist Record

The Record has had a very satisfactory year and we recommend that we put forth a greater effort in putting the paper in as many homes as possible. Our people need information and the State paper is the best place to get it. The price of the paper is $2.00 per year.

4—MISSIONS BEYOND THE STATE

(A) Home Missions.

The Home Mission Board has made wonderful progress during the past few years. Notwithstanding the embarassment of a heavy debt that has been resting upon the Board, meetings have been held in various fields with great success. Enlargement is called for from every direction. Churches need help and destitute fields need missionaries.

Here is some work that the Board has been able to accomplish in the past five years: Sermons preached 802,382; prayer meetings held 101,075; religious visits 1,238,210; baptisms 203,532; total additions to churches 324,086; workers conferences held 4,667; volunteers for Christian service 15,049; Church houses built or impoved, 2,225, Sunday schools organized 3,183, copies of scripture given 55,533; pages of tracts distributed 35,812,479. The Lord is blessing in a great way the home mission work in cities like New Orleans. The Mountain Schools are going in a great way.

(B) Foreign Missions

The Foreign Mission Board has had a very successful year notwithstanding the fact that it has had a very heavy debt and it has been necessary to keep from enlarging the work. It is a very sad fact and yet it is true. The Board is going to be compelled to retire from some of the fields and retrench in all fields unless our

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people increase their pledges and pay them in the near future. The Missionary work has been haulted just when it needs to go on in a great way because of the fact that a great revival spirit has broken out on all the mission fields.

We have at the present time 544 missionaries on the foreign field; 2,494 native workers; 1,095 churches; 308 self-supporting churches; $444,568.00 contributions; 12,-856 baptisms.

The crying need is more workers. The Lord is supplying the workers if we will just give the money so the Board will be able to send them out.

Committee,
A. M. NIX,
A. G. W. BYRAM.

REPORT ON EDUCATION

We Baptists are very boastful of our colleges in Mississippi and justly so, for we feel that the denomination is and always will be measured more or less by the success of our denominational schools. We must have tained Baptist leadership, and this is not possible, unless we maintain colleges, the instructors of which, are 100 per cent Missionary Baptist, in all of our colleges.

We have five colleges directly or indirectly controlled by the Baptist of this State. Mississippi College at Clinton, Miss.; Woman's College at Hattiesburg; Blue Mountain College at Blue Mountain; Clarke Memorial College at Newton and Hillman College at Clinton. We also contribute to the Baptist Bible Institute at New Orleans, and the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminay at Louisville, Ky.

Mississippi College.

Mississippi College is one of the oldest colleges in the state, having been founded in 1826 and came under Baptist control in 1850. The enrollment in the last session was 416 college students with an enrollment of 206 during the Summer term, making a total enrollment of 522. During the session Fifteen thousand dollars was spent in general improvements. This college has an A-1 Sunday School with seven organized classes—average attendance 485. There are six college B. Y. P. Us. Eight students of this college answered the call to preach during the last session. Mississippi College is a member of

Southern Association of Colleges and secondary schools, thus giving her a standing with the State Institutions of learning. This college needs an Admnistration Building and her endowment increased to $1,000,000.

Mississippi Woman's College.

The Mississippi Woman's College located at Hattiesburg, opened the first session twelve years ago in two wooden buildings with a faculty of eight. This college now has a campus of 40 acres, 8 commodious buildings and thirty-five instructors, composing the faculty. At Richmond, Va., last December the Woman's College was placed on the second list of schools and colleges, giving her graduates the privilege of teaching in any of the high schools in the country. The Woman's College boasts of its special departments of Piano, Voice, Violin, Speech Art, Home Economics, Art and Business. This college has fire-proof dormitories with private baths. Board and Literature tuition $320.00. The Woman's College needs a $500,000.00 endowment.

Blue Mountain College.

Blue Mountain College opened her fifty-second annual session on Sept. 17th. This college is better prepared than ever before to give the proper conveniences and training. The Library, Laboratory, Grounds, Course of Study and Faculty were investigated a year ago by a representative of the Southern Asst. of Colleges and Secondary Schools, which resulted in its approval, placing the college on the secondary list of the association. The graduates of Blue Mountain College can secure license to teach in all the public schools in Mississippi for life. Special advantages are offered in Piano, Pipe Organ, Violin, Voice Expression, Home Economics, Art.

Blue Mountain College needs and administration building, and one and one half million dollars endowment. Hon. C. C. White is the new business manager and his work is showing results. Dr. E. B. Hatcher is the new head of Department of Christian Education and is doing good work.

CLARKE MEMORIAL COLLEGE

This college is a co-educational junior institution, giving two years of accredited high school work and four years of college work. Brother and sister are permitted to attend college together, working side by side. Religious

influence second to none, having a standard Y. W. A. and a B. Y. P. U. with an average of 994.5 good course in Bible. Strong literary societies. Old administration building lost by fire. A new $50,000.00 fire-proof structure now under constuction. This college needs a $250,000.00 endowment.

HILLMAN COLLEGE

Hillman college is really a private school, but it was founded by Baptists and is being run by a Baptist. This college is endorsed by the State Baptist Convention. Tuition free to wives and daughters of Baptist preachers. This college boasts of its department of music, and the other departments are headed by very able instructors. This college asks for nothing, but the prayers and influence of the people she is serving.

BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE

Southern Baptist have wedged their way into the stronghold of Roman Catholicism in the very city of New Orleans, and among other advancing strides, have opened a Bible Institute, with an able corps of teachers, and last session enrolled 250. This school is co-educational, and the department of religious education has developed wonderfully. This institution receives no income except from the 75 Million Campaign, which will suffer a severe blow if the campaign pledges are not paid and special gifts made.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

This institution is located in Louisville, Ky. It has buildings valued at $1,200,000 with 14 professors and twenty assistants. This Seminary has an endowment of $466,000. They need sufficient endowment to guarantee running expenses and are asking for money for a great building program, administration building, music building, building for religious education, a gymnasium, etc. The faculty is unsurpassed and conditions bright for coming session.

IN CONCLUSION

The above colleges are maintained by the Baptists of the State for the purpose of giving our boys and girls a college education, and at the same time grooming them for future service in furthering the work of the Master. If our colleges return us our boys and girls so religiously trained that they will maintain respect for and obedience to father and mother, and a reverence for the God of

Heaven, then every dollar that the Baptist of Mississippi shall have spent in helping these colleges will have been well spent.

MRS. W. R. NETTLES,
M. ARTUR SHOOK,
Your Committee.

No. 3—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICE

Social service is that part of our Baptist progress which deals with crime, immorality, poverty, disease and everything that concerns society as a whole.

(a) Law Enforcement

It goes without saying that every Baptist should stand four-square for law enforcement. Since the powers are ordained of God, we must realize that a profound regard should be in every heart to uphold the dignity of the law, and to do so is Christian duty. Especially is this true in regard to backing up the Anti-Saloon League and Federal Prohibition officers.

(b) Orphanage

Our orphanage is located at Jackson and is under the superintendency of Dr. J. R. Carter. There are now 177 children in the home. There has been no death this year and health conditions have been fine. The crop has been greatly damaged by the dry weather and collections have come in so slowly that it has been necessary to borrow $2,000.00 to meet expenses.

(c) HOSPITALS

1—Mississippi Baptist Hospital

Mississippi Baptists own and control the Baptist Hospital at Jackson. It has a capacity of 75 beds and is doing a great service. During the past year 1850 cases have been treated and 188 of these have been charity cases. There is an indebtedness on the institution of more than $51,000, and there are needed improvements.

2—The Tri-State Baptist Hospital

Mississippi Baptists, jointly with the Baptists of Arkansas and Tennessee, own and control the Baptist Memorial Hospital at Memphis, Tennessee. This is the largest hospital owned by Baptists and has a capacity of 425 beds. During the first six months of 1924 the hos-

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pital treated 5,941 cases and 737 of these were charity cases. The cost of operating the hospital for this time was $191,245.55 and $63,126.90 was expended for charity work.

3—The Southern Baptist T. B. Sanitarium

The T. B. Sanitarium is a South-wide institution and is located at El Paso, Texas. It has a capacity of 125 beds and is doing noble work.

(d) The Relief and Annuity Board

The Relief and Annuity Board is located at Dallas, Texas, and Dr. W. W. Lunsford is its corresponding secretary. There are at present 1010 beneficiaries of the relief department of this Board.

J. C. FINGER,
W. M. FORE,
ELMER LOCKE,
Your Committee.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The Association will be opened with prayer.
2. The Moderator shall be considered the judge of order, but any member not satisfied with his decision, can appeal, provided the appeal be made on the same day, but at no subsequent time.
3. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as members, but not to vote, unless his vote be necessary to decide a question. If he arises to speak he must call some other brother to the chair.
4. All questions brought before the Association shall be introduced by motion, and if seconded, shall be opened for discussion, unless withdrawn by the mover or his second. When a subject has taken up a reasonable time allowed for its discussion, the Moderator shall take the ayes and if a call for a division be made, it shall be decided by the members arising.
5. Any member being desirous to speak shall rise and address the Moderator. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at a time, who shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he departs from the subject, or make personal reflections.
6. No person shall speak more than once on the same subject until all who wish to speak shall have an opportunity nor more than twice upon any subject without permission.

7. Every question introduced for discussion shall be decided before another is offered, unless it be laid over, on motion, with the consent of the mover of the resolution.

8. The Association shall in all cases be governed by a majority of the members present, except in the reception of churches where a unanimous vote shall be required. But in no case shall one member or church prevent the reception of a church without sufficient cause shown, which shall be determined by a majority.

9. The names of the members shall be called whenever the Association shall direct, and the names of absentees marked. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission of Moderator.

10. The appellation of Brother shall be used by members in addressing each other.

11. Any member violating these rules shall be subject to be reported by the Moderator, but only on the day that that breach shall have been made.

COVENANT

1. We, as independent churches of Jesus Christ, do mutually covenant or unite our efforts and influence for the advancement of the cause of Jesus Christ, under the title of "The Tishomingo Baptist Association."

2. We agree to hold annual meetings to be composed of delegates chosen by the respective churches, bearing letters to be read at the opening of the meeting, showing their appointment and also showing the number received by baptism, by letter, by restoration, dismissed by letter, excluded or dead, together with the whole number in fellowship. Also average number of Sunday School pupils and number of conversions, amount contributed to the Association, State, Home and Foreign Missions, Ministerial Education, support of pastors, church expenses, church improvements and total expended and valuation church property.

3. We agree that every church belonging to this body shall be entitled to three delegates until they number one hundred members, then one additional for every fifty.

4. When any church shall fail to communicate with this body for three consecutive meetings, it shall be considered as having withdrawn from us and will be dropped from the minutes unless two or more members request its continuance, and will also engage to inquire into its stand-

ing and to make report at the next annual meeting of the Association.

5. Our churches may be admitted into this Union by signifying their wish by letter and delegates, provided they be deemed scriptural.

6. We will elect a Moderator and Clerk by ballot at each annual meeting, as soon as the letters from the churches are read and the members' names enrolled; letters from petitionary churches being received, that their delegates may also have privilege of voting.

7. We disclaim the right to adopt rules that can, at any time, infringe on the independence and rights of the churches. We may, however, advise churches when they request it, and will withdraw from such as become heretical in doctrine and disorderly in discipline.

8. We shall have an executive board composed of one member from each church, elected annually, and the Moderator and Clerk, whose duty it shall be to take charge of all the funds sent up by the churches, and dispose of the same as the churches may direct.

9. We will correspond with Sister Associations. Any member of this body whose name appears on our minutes is authorized to represent us in other religious bodies.

10. We will have our minutes read, corrected and sgined by the Moderator and Clerk before the session closes, and will not adjourn, except in extraordinary cases, until all the business is finished.

11. We will, while convenient, appoint the time and place for holding the next annual meeting of this body and elect a Brother to preach the Associational sermon. The Association may make such alterations and amendments to the Constitution as two-thirds may deem necessary.

12. Members of Executive Board shall be entitled to full membership in this body for the meeting next succeeding the one at which they are elected by this Association.

13. Ministers serving churches within this Association shall be entitled to full membership in this body.

ABSTRACT OF FAITH.

1.We believe in the only living and true God—the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are one.

2. We believe the Bible to be the Word of God, and it is our only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the total depravity of human nature, and that man is dead in trespass and sin.

4. We believe that salvation is the gift of God by grace, through faith in our Lord, Jesus Christ, and that sinners are justified in the sight of God alone by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, and which is unto all and with all them that believe.

5. We believe in the doctrine of election; that God has from the beginning chosen us to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief in the truth.

6. We believe that the Holy Spirit accompanies the Word of God in the salvation of man, in answer to prayers of Christians.

7. We believe in the final preservation of the saints, and that all who truly believe will be eternally saved.

8. We believe that baptism in immersion alone and that none but true believers are proper subjects of the ordinance; and that none but regularly baptized and ordained ministers have a right to administer it, and that it is a prerequisite to the Lord's Supper, and all who come to the Lord's table must come according to the Lord's word.

9. We believe a gospel church is a body of true believers in Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon a profession of their faith in Him and that there are but two officers in a church, viz.: the Elder or Pastor and Deacon.

10. We believe it the duty of each church to extend and circulate the Word of God as far as their means will enable them.

We believe in the resurrection of all men, and in a future and general judgment; and that the happiness of the righteous and punishment of the wicked shall be eternal.

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